

BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MEETING AGENDA

March 20, 2018

1. Call to order 8:00 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Consider approving agenda.
4. Consider approving minutes from meeting of March 6, 2018.
5. Announcements
6. Receive guest (for non-agenda items).
7. Public Hearing for close-out of the VT Community Development Grant on behalf of the Montessori School of Central Vermont.
8. Consider confirming sale of 2010 Freightliner dump truck.
9. Consider approving Rock of Ages unregistered vehicle road crossing permits.
10. Consider selecting company to provide financing for self-contained breathing apparatus.
11. Consider authorizing letter of support for U.S. Forest Services Community Forest and Open Space Conservation Program.
12. Consider approving weekly accounts payable warrant for March 20, 2018.
13. Miscellaneous - second class liquor license for Brookside county Store and others, if any.
14. Round the table.
15. Recess (Budget Committee) 8:30 p.m.
16. Executive session: labor contract (action expected).
17. Adjourn.

BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MINUTES

March 20, 2018

The duly warned meeting of March 20, 2018 was held at the Barre Town Municipal Building, Selectboard Room, Lower Websterville at 8:00 p.m.

The following members were in attendance: Tom White, Paul White, and W. John "Jack" Mitchell, Bob Nelson and Rolland Tessier.

Attendance for the regular meeting included: Town Manager Carl Rogers, Assistant Town Manager Elaine Wang, Town Clerk-Treasurer Donna J. Kelty, Zoning Administrator Christopher Violette, BAD Director Joel Schwartz, and Kristen Martin (Montessori School).

CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order at 8:01 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE THE AGENDA

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by Paul White, the Selectboard voted to accept the meeting agenda as presented.

MINUTES

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by Paul White, the Selectboard voted to approve the Selectboard meeting minutes of March 6, 2018 with minor spelling and grammatical changes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Would you like to earn some cash this summer but still have your afternoons free? Barre Town needs four seasonal workers for the Department of Public Works and one

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for the Recreation and Cemetery Departments. Starting pay is \$11.25. The application for these positions can be picked up at the town offices or downloaded from the Town's homepage. Submit in person, by email to offices@barretown.org, or by mail to PO Box 116, Websterville, VT 05678. We will continue to accept applications until the positions are filled.

- The Fire Department's rabies clinic for dogs and cats is Saturday, March 31st from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the South Barre Fire Station, 528 South Barre Road. The fee is \$15.00 per pet. Barre Town dogs can be licensed at the same time.
- April 2nd (since the 1st is on a Sunday) is the day to license your dog to avoid paying a penalty. Any questions contact the Town Clerk's Office at 479-9391.
- The 31st annual Barre town and Barre City Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, March 31st from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Barre's Rotary park just below the Barre City Elementary School. The egg hunt is for children ages 3 to 10. Bring a basket! Please leave pets at home. The event is free but please bring a non-perishable food item for the local food shelf.
- Don't forget to file your Homestead Declaration form with the State Department of Taxes! You need to file one even if you do not file an income tax return in order to receive the lower, residential tax rate. You can file your Household Income Form at the same time to reduce your taxes even more if you are living only on social security, disability, or retirement.

GUESTS - None

**GRANT CLOSE OUT - MONTESSORI SCHOOL OF CENTRAL VT
PUBLIC HEARING**

Background: To close out the Montessori School grant a public hearing is required. The notice has been posted.

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by Paul White, the Selectboard voted to open a public hearing at 8:07 p.m. to discuss the Montessori School of Central Vermont's community development grant.

Joel Schwartz and Kristen Martin were present and provided background information on the \$150,000 grant. Funds were used for building improvements (elevator). Currently the school has 72 students and can accommodate up to 100. Zoning Administrator Violette informed those present of the Town's role in administering the grant.

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by Paul White, the Selectboard voted to close a public hearing at 8:17 p.m.

SALE OF FREIGHTLINER DUMP TRUCK

Background: Truck #22, a 2010 Freightliner dump truck was advertised for sale on Govdeals.com. Bids closed and the high bidder (\$21,000) is Fox Valley, LLC from Marian, Virginia. The money has been paid and Fox Valley picked the truck up this past weekend. The Manager is asking the Selectboard to confirm he sale of the truck.

On a motion by Nelson, seconded by Paul White, the Selectboard voted to confirm the sale of Barre Town Truck #22, a 2010 Freightliner, solid via Govdeals.com to Fox Valley, LLC, Marian, Virginia at a price of \$21,000.

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UNREGISTERED VEHICLE ROAD CROSSING PERMITS

Background: State laws allows unregistered vehicles to cross public highways if approval from the local governing body (Selectboard) is received. A permit is then issued for each vehicle. Rock of Ages has submitted forms for 10 vehicles (6 loaders and 4 Euclid dump trucks). Every application lists the same seven (7) crossing locations which are unchanged from prior years. They have also paid the \$35.00 per vehicle fee.

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by Paul White, the Selectboard voted to approve Rock of Ages' ten (10) unregistered vehicle road crossing permits.

FINANCING OF SELF-CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS

Background: The Fire Department will be purchasing self-contained breathing apparatus. The Selectboard approved a \$100,000 down payment and to finance the remaining \$131,620. Municipal Leasing Corp. and Tax Exempt Leasing Corp were both asked to give a quote because usually these two are the most competitive companies. The Town has down quite a bit of business with both entities. Tax Exempt Leasing Corp had the lowest interest rate of 3.37% (\$45,335.26 annual payment).

During discussion it was asked there was a penalty for early payment. Rogers stated he will check into this and report back to the Board.

On a motion by Nelson, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted to table action on the financing of the self-contained breathing apparatus until additional information (as noted above) is received.

LETTER OF SUPPORT - US FOREST SERVICES COMMUNITY FOREST

Background: The U.S. Forest Service is trying to keep congressional funding for the Community forest and Open Space Conservation Program (CFP). Like last year, the Forest Service is requesting past recipients of CFP grants to sign a letter supporting the funding request. Barre Town received a \$400,000 CFP grant to help with buying the Town Forest. The Selectboard was given a sample letter to review.

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by Paul White, the Selectboard voted to authorize a letter of support for the U.S. Forest Service's Community Forest and Open Space Conservation Program and to have the Chair sign the letter.

WEEKLY ACCOUNTS PAYABLE WARRANT

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by Mitchell, the Selectboard voted to approve the weekly accounts payable warrant for March 13, 2018.

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by Mitchell, the Selectboard voted to approve the weekly accounts payable warrant for March 20, 2018. Nelson recused himself from the vote due to an employer conflict.

MISCELLANEOUS

On a motion by Nelson, seconded by Paul White, the Selectboard voted to approve and sign a 2018 Second Class Liquor License for Brookside County Store.

'ROUND THE TABLE

Mitchell inquired if the Budget Committee is going to hold an extra meeting. Rogers stated it will be discussed later this evening at the Budget meeting. It looks as though it will be held on Monday, March 26th.

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RECESS and RECONVENE

On a motion by Paul White, seconded by Nelson, the Selectboard voted to recess the Selectboard meeting at 8:28 p.m.

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by Paul White, the Selectboard voted to reconvene the Selectboard meeting at 9:15 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by Paul White, the Selectboard found that premature general knowledge would put the Town at a substantial disadvantage with regards to the discussion of labor contracts and labor relations.

On a motion by Paul White, seconded by Mitchell, the Selectboard voted to go into executive session at 9:15 p.m. for labor contracts and labor relations.

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by Paul White, the Selectboard voted to come out of executive session at 10:45 p.m.

ADJOURN

On a motion by Nelson, seconded by Paul White, the Selectboard voted to adjourn at 10:46 p.m.

Donna J. Kelty, Town Clerk-Treasurer

Selectboard Chair

Barre Town Selectboard